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Response to Amendment

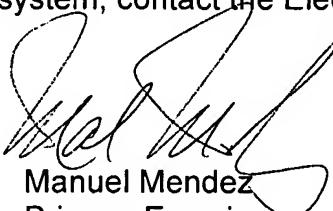
The reply filed on January 4, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant argues in the remark section: “**there appears to be no teaching or suggestion of deploying a deployable structure adjacent the treatment site to create movement of the treatment material adjacent the treatment site**”. The examiner notes that the claim language in the pending claims disclose a method that is not intended to treat a specific area in a blood vessel, but instead, applies to any treatment site within a blood vessel. Secondly, the examiner interpreted the balloons in Kokish to be the first and second deployable structures that create movement of the treatment material adjacent the treatment site. The examiner apologizes if the office action was not clear as to the interpretation of the balloons as deployable structures. Thirdly, concerning the sequence in the claimed method regarding the deployment of the deployable structures and the introduction of fluids, it is worth noting, for example, that in claim 1, the insertion of the deployable structures occurs prior to the introduction of treatment material into the vessel. The examiner does not understand why the applicant tries to differentiate between his invention and Kokish when, in fact, both deploy the structures first and then introduce treatment material. Finally, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application and to avoid a premature closing of the examination of this application, the examiner respectfully requests applicant to comment on the above issues.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manuel Mendez whose telephone number is 703-272-4977. The examiner can normally be reached on 0730-1800 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Nicholas D. Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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